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SUBJ: FRANCO'S DEATH--PM ARIAS' ADDRESS TO THE NATION

1. A VISIBLY MOVED PRIME MINISTER ARIAS NAVARRO ADDRESSED THE SPANISH PUBLIC TODAY AT TEN A.M., ON RADIO AND TELEVISION. HIS OWN MESSAGE WAS BRIEF: IT WAS A TIME OF GREAT LOSS BUT NOT OF DESPAIR. THOUGH FRANCO IS NO LONGER WITH US, HE HAS LEFT US HIS WORK, AN HISTORIC MANDATE THAT MUST BE FULFILLED. HE THEN READ FRANCO'S LAST TESTAMENT TO THE NATION, REPORTEDLY DICTATED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF HIS ILLNESS.

2. FRANCO'S TESTAMENT STATED HE HAD LIVED AS A CATHOLIC AND NOW WOULD DIE A CATHOLIC. HE BEGGED PARDON OF ALL WHO THOUGHT HE WAS THEIR ENEMY--EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NOT--AND THANKED ALL WHO HAD COLLABORATED WITH HIM IN THE GREAT
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WORK OF SAVING THE UNITY OF SPAIN. HE WAS THANKFUL

THAT HE WAS LEAVING SPAIN "IN UNITY AND IN PEACE," AND REQUESTED THE SPANISH TO SUPPORT THE KING AS THEY HAD SUPPORTED HIM. IN THE MOST SPECIFICALLY POLITICAL NOTE, HE WARNED THAT "THE ENEMIES OF SPAIN AND OF CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION ARE ALERT" TO WRECK THE UNITY OF SPAIN. HE CALLED FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ENDED WITH THE NATIONALIST CRY, "ARRIBA ESPANA."
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